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SUBJECT: ZAMBIAN, UNITA OFFICIALS CONFIRM CHINESE GIVING

NO HELP IN ANGOLA

1. DURING CONVERSATION JANUARY 22 I ASKED PRESIDENTIAL FOREIGN AFFAIRS ADVISER MARK CHONA IF CHINESE COULD BE OF ANY HELP IN ANGOLA, GIVEN PRESENT DESPARATE MILITARY SITUATION CONFRONTING FNLA AND THEIR PAST HISTORY OF SUPPORT FOR THAT MOVEMENT. CHONA, WHO HAS BEEN IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH CHINESE IN LUSAKA, FIRMLY SAID NO, CHINESE HAVE LEFT ANGOLA AND ARE OUT TO STAY OUT.

2. UNITA PRESIDENT JONAS SAVIMBI TOLD US PRETTY MUCH SAME THING DURING OUR TALK JAN 20.

3. COMMENT: AS SEEN FROM LUSAKA, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT PRINCIPAL CHINESE CONTRIBUTION TO ANGOLAN PROBLEM AT THIS TIME IS STREAM OF ANTI-SOVIET (BUT ALSO SOME ANTI-US) INVECTIVE DESIGNED DEPICT "SUPERPOWERS" TO EYES OF AFRICANS AS ENGAGED IN IGNOBLE SQUABBLE FOR RICHES AND POTENTIAL BASE RIGHTS IN ANGOLA. THIS CHINESE
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POSTURE OF STANDING ABOVE AND OUTSIDE FRAY WAS DULY NOTED AND

APPLAUDED AT SOME LENGTH BY PRESIDENT KAUNDA IN HIS JANUARY
12 SPEECH TO OAU EXTRAORDINARY SUMMIT.
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